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Seven a lucky number for Oilmen's champion



VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It took seven years and a few close calls, but Leonard Gadowski was elated to claim his seventh Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel 33rd Annual Grand Challenge on Saturday, as he skipped the Shamrock Valley Enterprises rink to a win over Trotter and Morton in seven ends, to once more hoist the Shamrock Valley Enterprises trophy, which already had his name engraved on six of the yearly winners' plates.

Gadowski played third on Lyle Yerima's Shamrock Valley rink in his first championship in 1992, and skipped for Tuboscope in 2002, but the other five victories, in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 and this year's, which he called "a long time coming," have all been for Shamrock Valley.

The Shamrock Valley rink recorded wins over Neighborhood Inn, Sonodyne and Pyramid on the way to the final against Trotter and Morton, and Gadowski said, "every game was a dogfight," including one where he, third Brandon Tupper, second Curtis Porcina and lead Chad Warner overcame a large deficit for the win.

The Neighborhood Inn rink, skipped by many time contender Ervin Courts, took only five ends to defeat the Elk Point Oilmen's Association's own rink, skipped by Conrad Pierce, in the B Event, sponsored by Hahn Welding and Oilfield Services Ltd.

The shortest game of the finals, however, came in the 'C' event, sponsored by Weatherford, where Marksman, skipped by Sheldon Ballas, took a mere four ends to down Tyler Warawa and the Encore foursome.

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GRAND CHALLENGE WINNERS for 2016 were the Shamrock Valley Enterprises rink, (left to right) Leonard Gadowski, Brandon Tupper, Curtis Porcina and Chad Warner, who accepted the Sharmock Valley Enterprises trophy from Murry Nielsen after their win over the Trotter Morton rink, (front, left to right) Guy Lapointe, Paul Michaud, Joe Rushton and Brad Bailey.

Vicki Brooker photo

Oilman of the Year still calls Elk Point his 'home'

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Oilmen's Association named their 2016 Oilman of the Year on Saturday evening, and although he's lived in Hanna for more than a decade, Danny Povaschuk told the crowd at the Oilmen's Bonspiel banquet that he is "most proud of the fact that I still call Elk Point home."

Leonard Gadowski introduced the Oilman of the Year, who was born in Elk Point on July 7, 1965. When Povaschuk's parents separated some years later, he moved to Wetaskiwin with his father, Clifford, but as he neared his teenage years, he decided that community was not for him, and hitchhiked back to Elk Point. Here, he spent the summers following the chuckwagon and rodeo circuit with his mother and stepfather, Lucille and Allen Smith, exercising horses and helping in the barn. In the winter, he played hockey. He graduated from F. G. Miller High School and told Gadowski he was "the best wrestler on the FGM team..." and now is a WWF fan.

After finishing high school, Povaschuk entered the

oil industry, working for Elk Point Oilfield Services and B & R Eckel's before starting his own business, Pine Ridge Oilfield Services. He later worked for BMW Monarch, Gibsons, Tom Brown Resources and in Maverick Oilfield's supply store, before opening a supply store of his own in 2013, named Pine Ridge after his long-ago service company.

He and Maria Protsch from Clandonald were married in 1989. The couple has two sons, Justin, who works for Telus, and Kyle, who is attending the University of Alberta. After 28 years of marriage, Povaschuk says Maria, a playschool teacher, has "gotten awfully good at being an oilman's wife."

Povaschuk discovered golf in 1984 when he worked for Ken Aarbo and Dave Kenyon at Elk Point Oilfield Services, and has enjoyed the sport ever since. He recalled working on preparations for golf tournaments with the Oilmen's Association, and said, "Al Pankiw would keep us on the right path." However, he recalled that many times, members of the planning committee would grumble, "I'm never going to do this again," but when the next year came around, they were right back on board. When he moved to Hanna and found that the

oilmen there didn't host a golf tournament, he got right to work to rectify that situation, "and we're doing our tenth this year."

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OILMAN OF THE YEAR Danny Povaschuk accepts the gold derrick trophy from Elk Point Oilmen's Association president Ryan Hahn.

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More winners from the 33rd Oilmen's Bonspiel



B EVENT - Ryan Hahn presented the Hahn Welding trophy to (left to right) Ervin Courts, Marcel Amyotte, Mark Skelton and Norm Vallee of the Neighborhood Inn rink, who won over Elk Point Oilmen's Association rink-mates Conrad Pierce, Jason Pankiw and (not shown) Dave McNamara and Johnny O'Dell.

Bonspiel

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Hahn Welding's rink, skipped by Murray

Cochrane, made good uses of a couple of multiple-point ends to win the B & R Eckel's trophy in the 'D' event over Robyn Moroziuk and the Xtreme

team.

Oilmen's Association president Ryan Hahn, who played second on the Hahn rink, said it has been "a hard year and a half" for the oil industry as prices fell, and this winter's issues with the curling rink's ice plant, which meant rescheduling the event, also had an impact on the bonspiel. "We have a small crowd, but we want to say thanks to those who are here and those who donated to the bonspiel," as well as to the caterers, courtesy van suppliers and drivers and the DJ for their part in an enjoyable evening. He thanked the bonspiel committee, "who made this happen," and said the bonspiel went off without a hitch. "There was no drama and everybody had fun."

Two curlers were from each of the teams who vied for 'Highway' honours, D-Tech and B-Line, were in attendance, and shared the prize of jackets from Bear Slashing.

Curtis Croteau won the tiebreaker for Draw to the Button, sponsored by Superior Propane, and took home a patio heater, with runner-up Dean Payne winning a TV.



C EVENT - Dustin Yaremkevich presented the Weatherford trophy to Marksman curlers Lyle Froelich, Greg Desaulniers and Henry Desaulniers (not shown, Sheldon Ballas and Jason Jenner), who defeated Encore's Kelly Orr, Duncan Gabert, Tyson Ballas and (not shown) Tyler Warawa in the final.



D EVENT - Tyson Ballas presented the B & R Eckel's trophy to Hahn Welding teammates Murray Cochrane, Brad Metrunec, Ryan Hahn and Lane Lorenson after their win over Xtreme teammates (front, left to right) Robyn Moroziuk, Rob Fortier, Ken Ference and Joe MacKinnon.

Oilman

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The enthusiastic volunteer, who says he "got the volunteer bug from my Grandma (Hazel) Hannah, and from my mom," said he had "a lot of mixed emotions" over being chosen Oilman of the Year. "A lot of amazing people have been Oilman of the Year, and most of them were older than me. We were very fortunate we had them, they did what needed to be done at the Oilmen's meetings (to build a

strong organization)." He's happy to see that the EPOA continues to have strong leadership, and noted, "without (president Ryan Hahn) and his committee, events wouldn't happen. EPOA, thanks for all you've done."

Hahn, in turn, thanked Povaschuk and all the other EPOA members who laid the groundwork for today's organization. "As Oilmen, we don't have to make too many decisions, the guys from the past made our lives easier."

Along with the EPOA,

Povaschuk was a member of the Elk Point Lions Club, an auxiliary RCMP and served on Elk Point Town Council, as well as being a volunteer firefighter in both Elk Point and Hanna and teaching H2S Alive courses. His minor hockey years were followed by refereeing and playing beer league hockey, and later, becoming involved as a hockey dad, he has spent the past seven years as a Hockey Alberta council representative for his zone of 17,000 players on the regulation committee.

Elk Point RCMP Town Hall
Information Session
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.
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I love my life, I have just purchased a brand new house, I love to take cruises I just came back from Sardinia I loved it. All my family are successful my father is a farmer and his father was a farmer back in the old country as we like to say, I am looking for a man who is hard working because that is all I know. He a day. I like movies, being outside, and fresh vegetables and herbs from my mothers garden. I like to spoil a man, he can be a little older thats ok.

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FGM and firefighters conduct RAK Week food drive



HERITAGE LODGE residents Anne Uchman and Peggy Maas presented the visitors with food collected by residents, staff and Home Care workers.



VOLUNTEERS by the fire truck load took part in the food drive, as residents donated a huge amount of food and cash "to help their neighbours who are going through tough times right now," according to Sherry Bower Gagne, who says F. G. Miller High School is "so proud of our students' energy and readiness to give back to their community."



LIGHTS AND SIRENS AT SUNSET - Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department's fire truck, rescue van and Rapid Attack unit, along with carloads of volunteers took to the streets of Elk Point on Thursday to collect donations on their door to door food drive, which was part of F. G. Miller High School's Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week activities.

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Town office requires hazard assessment

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A short agenda didn't translate into a short meeting for Elk Point Town Council last week, as they debated a pair of amendments to the agenda at some length.

Amendments to a job description for the executive assistant and to the policy and procedure for civic partnerships, community grants and arts and culture endowment fund were taken care of in short order, and a new social media policy introduced, with a decision deferred to the next meeting. Council also compiled a client satisfaction survey regarding Heather Nickel and her organizational planning sessions held last July.

The first addition to the agenda was a hazardous building materials assessment stemming from an audit of the town administration building conducted earlier in February by Regional Director of Emergency Management and Occupational Health and Safety Rob Duffy, with a number of deficiencies identified, especially as regards the mechanical and furnace room. As the town has not yet had a hazardous materials assessment done on the building, it was agreed that due diligence would indicate that this be done. A proposal from Golder Associates, a firm recommended to Duffy by Alberta Health, to conduct an assessment that includes tests for mercury, lead, PCBs and asbestos was approved by council, and will cost up to \$3,925, to be taken from the

Administration Operating Budget.
Treated water

Word has been received from Minister of Municipal Affairs Danielle Larivee that the town's treated water reservoir project has been accepted for \$84,356 in Gas Tax Fund (GTF) funding to assist with the project.

Facebook comments

A second addition to last Monday's agenda was a number of comments, both pro and con, placed on the town's Facebook page regarding the proposed skateboard park and outdoor skating rink. It was noted that the town's Facebook page is primarily to get the word out about upcoming events, rather than a sounding board for dissension.

Playground

Council was informed that funding for the Pete Stafford Memorial Playground is now in place, thanks to the leadership of Brandi Krankowsky and the Lions Club, who have secured funding of \$100,000, that sum including \$15,000 in matching funds from the Town. May 13 and 14 have been set as the date for installation of the new equipment.

Campground and campers

Council went in camera to discuss negotiations with Elk Point Golf and Country Club regarding campground operations.

A lengthy discussion regarding changes to the Streets Bylaw regarding RV parking was also part of the evening, with feedback received to date both for and against the proposed changes. This will be looked at again in mid-March.

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EDITORIAL

Hats off to FGM's caring Crusaders

It all started out as a deterrent to bullying, but F. G. Miller High School is one group that takes an idea and builds on it until its impact is many times as great as the original.

FGM has not only slammed the door on bullying among students, they have rallied everyone in the whole community to be nicer to each other, to help each other in dozens of different ways and to perform random acts of kindness until performing good deeds just become a habit.

Last year, they added a massive Teens for Jeans drive to their repertoire, collecting stacks of jeans for less fortunate young people who needed the help and comfort of something warm and decent to wear. This year they conducted another jeans drive, but also added an enlarged version of their pre-Christmas "Let's Can Hunger" campaign to collect food for the local food pantry. They got the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department on board, to help them go door to door to collect donations, and the rest is history.

Teenagers are often considered to be self-centred, greedy and caring only about themselves, but these young people are anything but. They care what is going on in the world and their community, and are willing to do what they can to make things better.

RECREATION CORNER

Storm season over, next year's plans underway

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

The Elk Point Girls Storm have come to the end of their season. I'm slightly sad that the year is over, but mostly proud of the girls. It was my first time coaching any team and I was very happy to have the opportunity to coach the Storm.

Having played on the team, which it was first banded in the 1996-97, then for four years after until 2000, I have a lot of great memories and friendship from those days, thanks to the club.

It was such an amazing experience to watch my daughter, Heaven, form her own memories, friendships, and sisterhood on the ice. I wouldn't trade the rushing from school to practices to games in other towns with hurried crockpot dinners for anything.

Next year, during Family Day weekend, the Elk Point Storm will be celebrating 20 years of girls' hockey in Elk Point. If you've played for the Storm or had daughters or mothers who've played for the organization, please put it in your phone or on your calendar. I would like to invite every female who had the honour of donning a Storm jersey to a reunion that weekend. Details are being formed, but for now, hold those memories tight and I'll see you on the ice again real soon!

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Way Back When...

Beavers bake, banner year and land use bills

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 IN...

1986

Noel Looy, Lorne and Don Buryn and Wally Popik of St. Paul won the grand challenge at the 40-rink Men's Open Bonspiel over a Vermilion rink, with the second event going to an Edmonton rink and the third event to a Bonnyville foursome. A hearing was held into the annexation of 80 acres east of the industrial park and the quarter section to the north of it.

1991

Beavers Kyle Frisby and Chance Dumont, Cub Brett Flanders and Scout Darren Pilisko decorated the winning cakes at the annual Family Scouting Banquet, where Frisby's first prize cake was auctioned off for \$110. The Community Cultural Building Society reviewed input from nine local organizations, some of which expressed doubt that the facility could be self-supporting, if in fact the society was able to raise the money to build it.

1996

Elk Point and District Lions looked back proudly on 25 years of community service, with special recognition given to Lawrence Modin, the only one of the 22 charter members who was still involved with the club. Elk Point Surface Rights Association held their annual meeting, with lease payments, complicated dealings and liability

among the largest concerns of the landowner group.

2001

Liberal candidate Vital Ouellette and Progressive Conservative Ray Danyluk were quizzed about their positions on agriculture, education and health care at a well-attended pre-election forum in Heinsburg. Junior Janice Tymofichuk, intermediate Randy Wruth and senior Michelle Leckie placed first at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club speak off, with Adam Zapesocki, Nichole Havener and Amanda Zapesocki placing second in their categories.

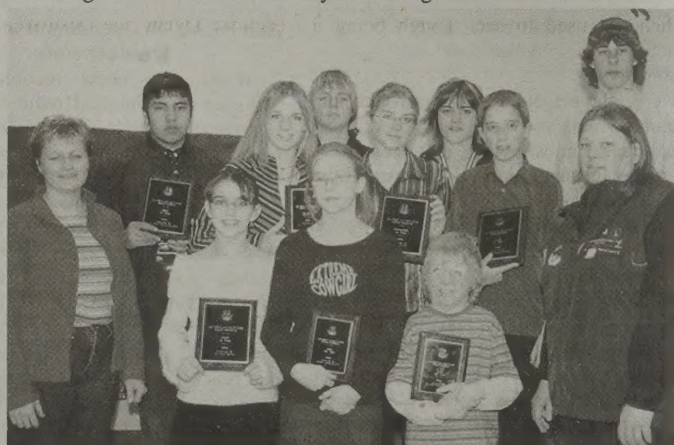
2006

Liberal candidate Vital Ouellette and Progressive Conservative Ray

Danyluk were quizzed about their positions on agriculture, education and health care at a well-attended pre-election forum in Heinsburg.

2011

Property rights lawyer Keith Wilson spoke out against provincial land use bills when he visited Elk Point, taking aim at the Electric Statutes Amendment Act and calling it "a massive overbuild of transmission lines." Minister of Sustainable Resources Mel Knight and Minister of Infrastructure Ray Danyluk also spoke out on land rights at the Lac La Biche - St. Paul - Two Hills Progressive Conservative Association annual meeting.



Speakers Marvin Ockerman, Janice Tymofichuk and Taylor Cochrane and presenters Darren Tymofichuk, Tyler Ockerman, Bryant Schnurer and Derek Wruth were the winners at the 2006 Elk Point 4-H Multi Club public speaking competition. Janice Wirsta and Susan Frisby presented the awards.

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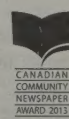
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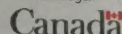
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Now THREE for the Big Shows!

Today is March 1st. Is it in like a lamb or in like a lion? Let's go with the lion and hope its even nicer come the end of the month. Ball season is coming, you know! Six years ago on this very day our grandson Bode Bassett was born in Camrose. He waited for us to get back to Alberta. The day before, my wife Donna and I were in Vancouver and flew home right after



Boyle for the provincial final. Boyle is the host site of the Pee wee D provincial championship. But make no mistake, we are the zone champions! It was a two game, total point series last week, game one ending in a 5-all tie in Boyle. I was told it was the worst game they had played all year, but in game two, back here this past Saturday, the pee wee team totally dominated

doug
BASSETT
Review Sports

Sidney Crosby scored the golden goal in overtime for team Canada to win the gold medal. Wonder how many boys in Canada were named Sidney that day? I bet quite a few. Bode was actually named after Bode Miller, the famous high-flying USA downhill skier from the Olympics. This past Sunday we went to Camrose for an early birthday and to watch Bode at hockey practice. His father Jordan doesn't think he's aggressive enough. I had to remind him he wasn't very aggressive at five or six either. He didn't believe me. It wasn't until he was a pee wee that he really kicked in and started playing. Then it was all out rock 'em sock 'em after that! We have another birthday this week; a little granddaughter named Vienna Colbourne is going to be three on Friday, March 4th. Who knows maybe she will be a hockey player one day too. Yes, I know you want to read about hockey. Of course we have this week in hockey. Just had to get the grand kids in first. Patience, my friends. By the way 'Patience' is another one of the grand daughters' name. Haha!

Lots of hockey action this past week, in fact, our **Pee wee Avalanche** team played four games in five days. Just think, if there was still body contact in pee wee hockey! Would they handle four or five games without a break? They took the rock 'em sock 'em out of pee wee a few years ago. The skilled players are certainly getting room and are much more creative with the puck then we used to see. Tough being a defenseman out there, though, without some body contact. Two of those games were playoff games and two of the games were provincial games, but all of those games, believe it or not, were against the same team, Boyle. And if the Avalanche had lost one of the playoff games, it would have been five games against the same team. Think they have seen enough of Boyle for now? Yes, for sure, but in two weeks from now the pee wee team will be traveling back to

Boyle. One of the best games I've seen this team play. They played as a team, no puck hogs or hot shots or dumb penalties. Every player took a role in the 7 to 2 win. No way I can go over all the play by play, but next week's edition we have detailed player profiles for you. As for the other two games, our team won two out of three and will move on to the next playoff series next week. Huge pats on the back for the coaching staff of head coach Marty Bendixen, his assistants Tyson Stafford and Tyler Warawa, and to the manager Candace Bendixen for teaching hockey skills and bringing home the Zone 2 championship.

Our **Midget Avalanche** team is also off to provincials in two weeks time in Provost. More about them in next week's special player profile edition also. They have been doing lots fundraising to help cover their travel costs and will be having a midget boys' slave auction this coming weekend on Saturday about 11 a.m. in conjunction with the vintage snowmobile rally held at the Information EcoCentre. Come buy one of the boys and get four hours of hard labour and support the team.

Three for the show! Unbelievable!! That all I can say. Another team is going to the provincial finals. The **Bantams** played their last round of provincials against Redwater, winning both games and qualifying them to go to High Level on the weekend of March 18, 19, 20th. Down early in the first game 2 to 0, they battled back and won 5 to 2. Two goals each for Dylan 'the Destroyer' Ference and Nicholas 'Sparky' Anderson, Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage with one, Chase Dorey, Bradley 'Diesel' Canning, 'Raging Paige' Henderson and Wolke 'Wolfman' Cueva all with assists. Then on Sunday, they hammered them in Redwater 8 to 2. Four goals for 'Sparky', two for 'Diesel', the 'Destroyer' and Angus McFarlane with one each. 'Silent Sam' Henderson with a few of the assists. Outstanding goaltending performances by Colton



BANTAM AVALANCHE celebrate their Zone Championship victory.

'Colt 45' VanMaarion with the help of his steady, stay at home defenseman Hank 'the Tank' Rogal.

The **Atom No. 2** team coached by James Capijack also had a very busy week, playing two games during the week against St. Paul and winning both of them to advance to the next round in the playoffs. Then they played a provincial game, the last round before the final tournament against Marwayne on Saturday afternoon in Marwayne losing a very close one 3 to 2. The second game will be back here in Elk Point next Sunday, March 6th at 5 p. m. The winner of the two game, total point series will go on to the provincial final. This is a great little team, they are only down by one goal, which is nothing in atom hockey, and they have home ice advantage. Mark it down, come on out, support the boys, make some noise and let's send another team to the big show and the Sled Dogs home with their tails between their legs!

Our **Pee wee Girls Storm** finished up their season this past week, losing a two game, total point playoff series to Lloydminster. It was a terrific year, the girls really improving all of their hockey skills over last season, with a record of two wins, four ties and about 15 really close losses. You may think that that's not that great of a record, but you are wrong, the girls have come a long way and were showing improvement at every game. Next year the team plans to be even better yet and I can guarantee they will be! A big thanks goes out to head coach Glen Hladunewich, assistants Art Parr, Chad and Jena Colbourne and team manager Lori Poitras for all your time and dedication.

Some really sad faces and a few tears coming out of the **Atom No. 1** team

dressng room on Saturday after their season ended, losing a best-of-three game series to Provost. Both games were really close, the first one 3 to 2, the second one 4 to 2. Every kid on the team played well. Great goaltending by Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk. On the defense, Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman was blocking shots and rushing with the puck, Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal making a highlight reel-diving poke check to save a goal on a wide open break-away. And I couldn't say enough about little Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski, pound for pound one of the best little defenseman you could ever have. Up front 'Bazooka Joe' Cardinal was really strong on his skates and stick. First year player Wyatt Pavoll is coming along nicely, getting stronger every game. Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa can motor on skates; she's one of the best at fore checking/ back checking in the game. Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman is a strong skater and stick handler who won't be pushed around. Phoenix Canning is a young promising forward who works hard. And of course 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras is the speedy sniper who can be a game changer. A huge thanks to head coach Robyn Moroziuk and his assistants Jonny Kadutski and Travis Hymanyk. And let not forget Brady 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk who is still on crutches but make every game to cheer on the team!!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week, "Find the good. It's all around you. Find it, showcase it, and you'll start believing in it." Last week's answer to: "Happiness begins where selfishness ends. You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." - John Wooden

Local athletes compete at Winter Games

VICKI BROOKER
WITH FILES FROM ERIC UPHAM
Staff Writers

Belated congratulations to Elk Point athletes Corbin Ockerman and Parker Allen, who were part of the The Zone 7 male volleyball tat the Alberta Winter Games in Medicine Hat on the Family Day weekend.. The male Zone 7 volleyball team came out with a two wins, four losses and finished fifth overall.

Zone 7 athletes competed a number of sporting events, including mixed curling, volleyball, wrestling, hockey and figure skating.

Although Zone 7 finished at the bottom of the eight zones in the overall medal count, the group managed to have a strong outing grabbing six gold, seven silver, and seven bronze medals, for a total of 20 medals.



Winter Challenge winners

On Feb. 20, the St. Paul TaeKwonDo Academy Panthers Dojang participated in the 2016 Sung Lee Winter Challenge at the Edmonton Garrison. Three of our local students, shown here with instructor Joseph Jubinville, were among the participants: Jesse Cameron (Brown Belt), Spencer McNamara (Purple Belt) and Heath McNamara (Yellow Belt). The students participated in Poomse (Pattern), Sparring, Running Jump Side Kick and Running Jump Snap Kick. The Elk Point crew brought home nine medals – five gold and four silver.

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Friday is World Day of Prayer

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Just a reminder that Elk Point and district will mark World Day of Prayer with an inter-denominational service on Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 54 St. and 48 Ave., Elk Point. All are welcome to attend.

This year's service has been written by the women of Cuba, and will give insight into life in that nation, made up of many island and becoming a prominent vacation destination. However, the nation suffers from many years under a dictatorship and an aging population.

RETIRING AFTER 29 YEARS AT EPE - Elk Point Elementary School administrative professional Lorraine Makowski's last day on the job was Friday, Feb. 26. Wendy Young, left, will take over her position, joining Jodi Verenka in the school's front office.



PINK DAY AT F. G. MILLER

Sherry Bower Gagne reports that "We had a really great PINK Day. The Grade 7,8 and 9 students gathered in the gym for a video. We talked a bit about the video and then broke into eight groups to discuss ways that we feel could improve our school and ways that we can work together to do that. It was a fantastic way to spend an afternoon and I was really impressed with the insight of many of our kids."



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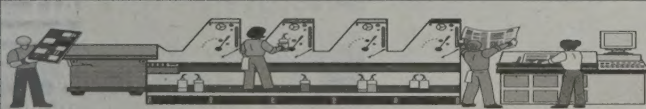
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Missing: Rylee Anderson, Legend Cardinal, Ayden Vipond

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Elk Point Oil Barons update

MARIA CUEVA
Pond Hockey President

Pond Hockey is almost at the end of another successful season. This is our fourth year in offering this program and we have 23 participants this year.

It is kind of an odd year because we have six very young players, then a gap in our age group, followed by the 10 to 16 year old players. This is quite hard to coach but we have been privileged to have lots of coaching volunteers. Shaun Pavoll has been taking charge of the little guys and Rick Rybchinsky and his crew of coaches, Tim Havener and Trevor Watt taking charge of the older kids. Our volunteer coaches are mainly parents but we seem to be lucky every year to have a community member step in and offer their time to help coach. This year we have Tyler Loughran helping out and he is very much appreciated.

We have had a few games with neighbouring Pond Hockey groups but our highlight of the season will be our Pond Hockey Festival. This will be held on

Saturday, March 5. We will be starting early at 8 a.m. and it will be a full day of fun for everyone until our last game being played at 6:30 p.m.

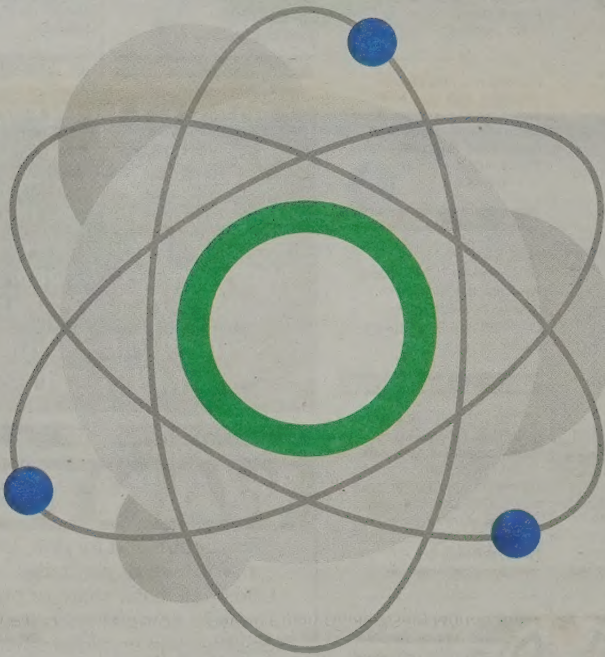
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The day will consist of some fun games between the teams and at 2 p.m. a game for the little ones. We will be combining all the little players and they will be playing a game with all the young players from the other towns mixed together. After all, Pond Hockey is just for fun, and we strive to provide an opportunity for players to play hockey in a non-competitive environment making memories that will last a lifetime.

We would like to invite everyone to come out and enjoy the day with us. There will be food sold all day and of course a Raffle Table.

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